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Ralph SUTEHALL et al.)
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For: COATED OPTICAL FIBRE)
UNIT AND METHODS OF)
MANUFACTURING COATED)
OPTICAL FIBRE UNITS)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents, and listed other documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-

English language:

1. German application No. 100 03 470 A1

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English document, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof.

2. Japanese Application No. 11-38237 - An English-language translation is also attached.

The schematic illustration (1 page) entitled "ENHANCED PERFORMANCE FIBRE UNIT" is listed on the attached form PTO 1449. The date when the enhanced performance fibre unit was first put on the market by Pirelli is not known. However, the schematic illustration was known to the inventors when the invention was made.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take

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appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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